

Craig Interagency Dispatch Center 2005 Year-End Report



Cooperating Agencies

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National Park Service
US Fish and Wildlife Service
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Moffat, Routt, Rio Blanco, Jackson & Grand Counties

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The impact of the 2005 fire season was minimal to the dispatch center. The dispatch center supported approximately 530 incidents ranging from hurricanes to wildfires. The first wildfire of the season was a fire along the Yampa River in Routt County on April 13th. The last fire of the season, a Jackson County fire, occurred on October 13th. The dispatch center experienced 42 multiple fire days with the most fires in one day being 25.

The dispatch center supported 2 type 3 incidents, 11 prescribed fires, and 19 Wildfire Use fires (approx. 3628 ac) and 2 Fire Use Teams.

Mobilization of resources out of the dispatch area was steady. The dispatch center mobilized equipment, crews, and overhead to the Southwest, Northern Rockies, and Eastern Great Basin areas for wildland fire assignments and to the Southern Area for Hurricane support operations.

A type 3 helicopter was on unit for about 6 weeks and supporting several Wildfire Use Fires and initial attack.

705 Incident Actions were processed this past year which included wildfire suppression, prescribed fire support, wildfire use support, all risk incidents, burned area rehabilitation, flight following for the regional bug flight, public assists, and flight requests.

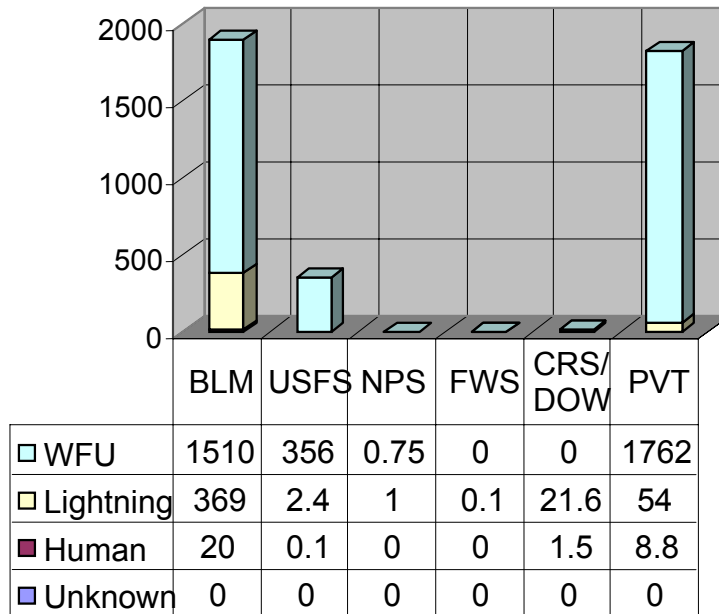
2005 CRC Fire Statistics

Cause	BLM		USFS		NPS		FWS		State/DOW		Private		Totals	
	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac
Human	8	20	1	0.1	0	0	0	0	2	1.5	3	8.8	14	30.4
Lightning	149	369	9	2.4	7	1	1	0.1	4	21.6	24	54	194	448
RX		2700		1184		10		220						4114
Mech.		2172		231		0		20						2423
WFU	13	1510	1	356	4	0.75	0	0	0	0	1	1762	19	3628
Totals	170	6771	11	1774	11	12	1	240	6	23	28	1825	227	10644

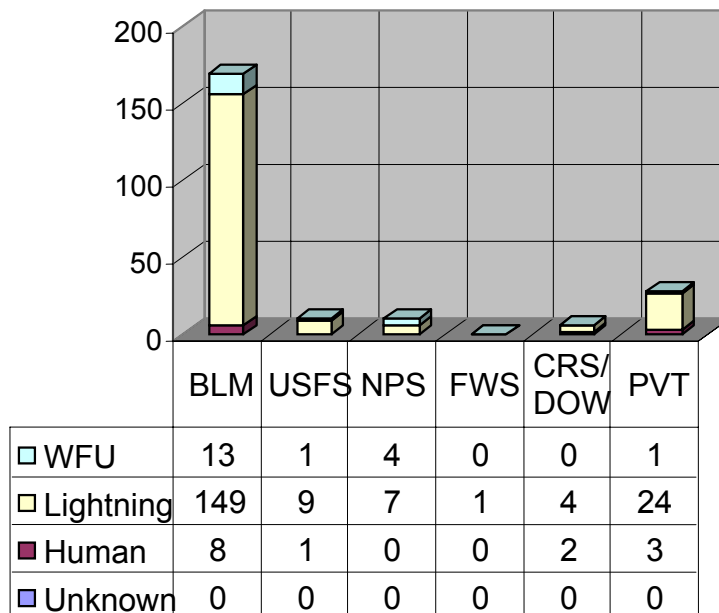
BLM Fire Statistics by Unit

Cause	WRD		LSD		KRD		Totals	
	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac	#	Ac
Human	6	16	1	4	1	0	8	20
Lightning	104	193.8	42	174.4	3	0.3	149	369
RX		815		677		1208		2700
Mechanical		310		516		1346		2172
WFU	7	1502	6	8.4	0	0	13	1510
Totals	117	2837	49	1380	4	2554	170	6771

Acres per Agency by Cause



Number of Fires per Agency by Cause



End of the Year Report – NW Colorado Fire Management Unit Weather, Fuels and Fire Use

Weather

The unit experienced above average precipitation for the year for the first time in many years. Winter moisture was about average, but the spring and summer months pushed the totals for the year above average. Early June was extremely wet with nearly 4 inches of rain recorded at one RAWS station. The last half of June dried out quite a bit and the fire activity increased accordingly. Precipitation for the rest of the summer seemed to be just enough at regular intervals to keep our fire activity at below-average levels.

The unit recorded 208 non-WFU fires for the year which burned 478 acres, 14 of these fires were man-caused and the remainder resulted from lightning. Nineteen WFU incidents were managed on the unit and they burned 3628.5 acres, of which 1762 acres were private lands with MOU's in place with the two affected landowners. Two FUMTs were involved with the management of the Pack Trail WFU complex. A total of 11 prescribed burns were conducted on public lands within the unit resulting in 4114 acres of treatment.



Wolf Ridge Rx Burn

Fuels Management

The unit was again very active with fuels management projects throughout the year. Contract and force account work was utilized on mechanical treatment portions of these projects and prescribed burning was accomplished by force account employees. The following table shows accomplishments for the unit throughout the year. Aerial seeding is becoming common on some of the larger BLM WFU areas as a means to reduce hazardous fuel loadings of cheat grass in the future. About 800 acres of seeding will be completed on the Pack Trail WFU, probably in December of 2005.

Unit	Mech treatment	Rx treatment	Total	WUI acres
Little Snake FO	516 ac	677 ac	1193 ac	1055 ac
White River FO	310 ac	815 ac	1125 ac	365 ac
Kremmling FO	1346 ac	1208 ac	2554 ac	991 ac
Routt NF	231 ac	1184 ac	1415 ac	1415 ac
Dinosaur	0	10 ac	10 ac	10 ac
Browns Park	20 ac	220 ac	240 ac	0
Unit-Wide Totals	2423 ac	4114 ac	6537 ac	3836 ac



Pack Trail WFU

Wildland Fire Use

The WFU season on the unit started in late June this season, somewhat later than the past few years. The Pack Trail WFU complex was the largest incident and included the Pack Trail and West Jordan fires. Two FUMTs were assigned during the life of this complex. This complex burned 1762 acres of private lands under MOUs with the affected land owners. The Routt NF managed a late season fire use, Wolverine, during the late August and most of September. All the other fire use incidents were fairly small, ranging in size from 0.1 acres to 4 acres in size. Two NW Colorado unit employees completed their FUM2 task books this year and two others had task books initiated and partially completed.

Unit	Number of WFU's	Total acres
Little Snake Field Office	6	8.2 ac
White River Field Office	7	3264 ac *
Routt NF	1	356 ac
Dinosaur National Monument	4	0.75 ac
Private	1	0.1 ac
Unit-Wide Totals	19	3628.5 ac

* Includes private land



Wolverine WFU

2005 Wildland Fire Use Projects

Incident Name	BLM			USFS	NPS	State/ DOW	Private	Start Date	Out Date
	LSD	WRD	KRD						
Harper					0.1			6/1/05	6/17/05
Wild Mountain					0.3			6/22/05	6/30/05
Deer Lodge	2							6/28/05	7/7/05
Kraft	0.1							6/28/05	7/4/05
Kraft II	0.1							6/28/05	6/30/05
Jack					0.25			6/30/05	7/8/05
Kraft Complex	0.1							6/30/05	7/7/05
Steamboat Rock					0.1			7/2/05	7/12/05
Independence	2							7/4/05	7/16/05
Chokecherry	4							7/5/05	7/16/05
Helm		0.1						7/6/05	7/10/05
Waldo		0.1						7/6/05	7/10/05
Pack Trail		1182					1730	7/7/05	9/6/05
Pack Trail Complex		312					31	7/20/05	9/6/05
Dry Creek		7.5						8/2/05	9/9/05
Draw							0.1	8/4/05	8/9/05
Sick Kid		0.1						8/25/05	8/27/05
Wolverine				356				8/29/05	10/13/05
Texas Mtn		0.1						9/5/05	9/12/05

Total Acres: **3,628**



Camp Creek prescribed burn

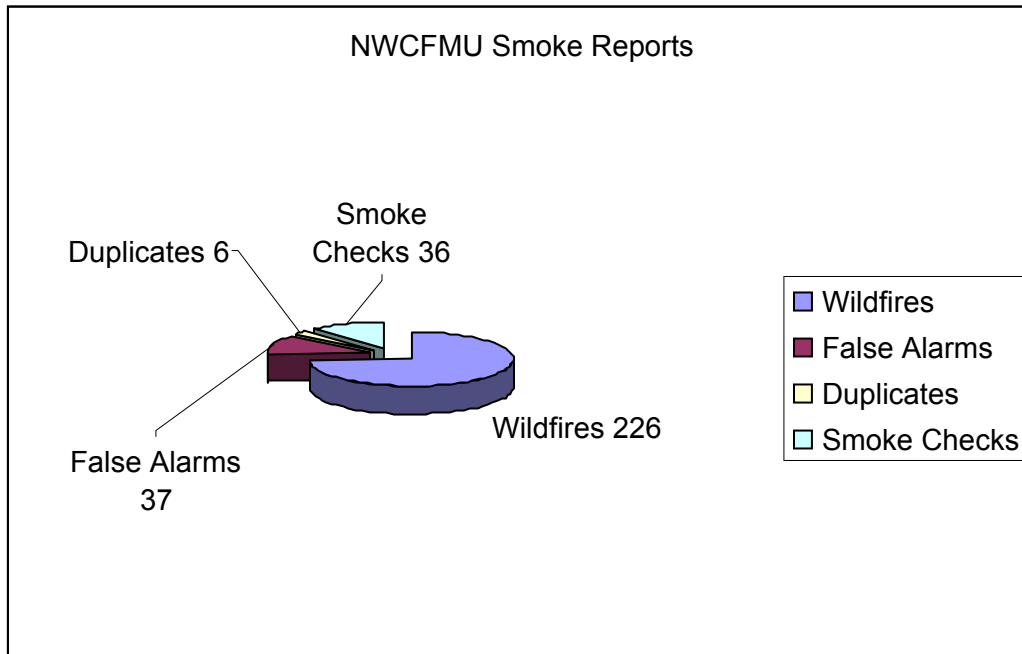


Pack Trail WFU

2005 Large Fire Summary

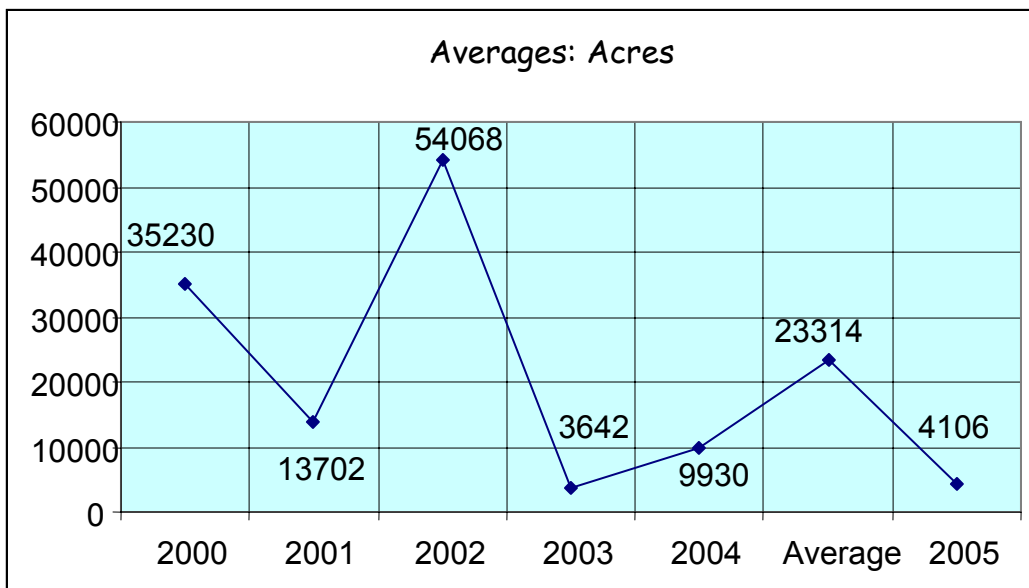
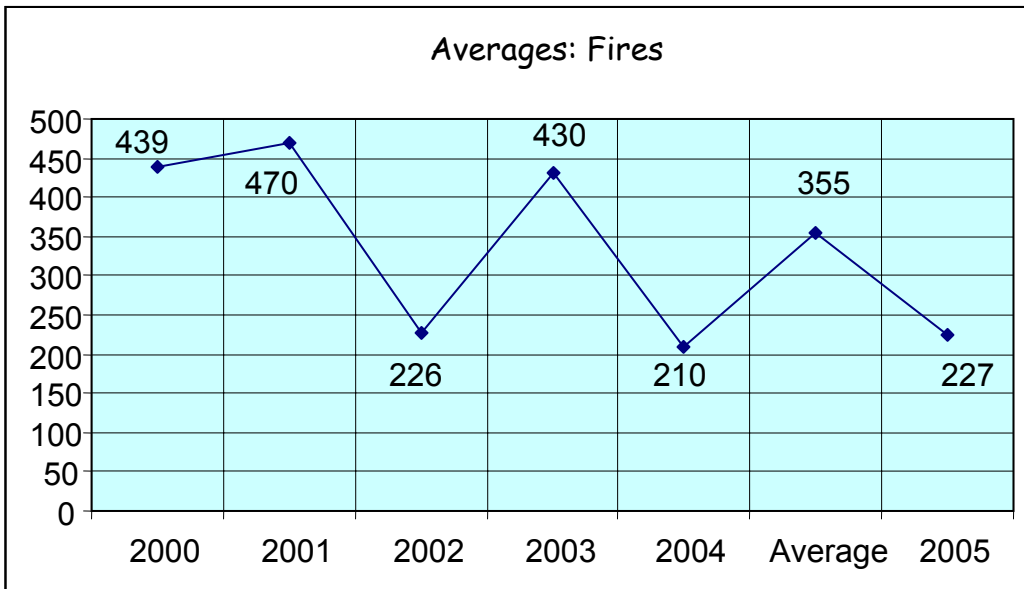
Incident Name	Start Date	Cause	Final Acreage	Agency	State & Unit	Team Name	Team Type
Hall Draw	7/2/05	L	138	BLM	CO-WRD	Stearns	Type 4
Pack Trail/Pack Trail Complex WFU	7/7/05	L	3255	BLM/Private	CO-WRD	Hahnenberg Cook Rosenthal Frery	Fire Use Fire Use Type 3 Type 3
Sager II	7/28/05	L	160	BLM	CO-LSD	Skidmore	Type 3
Wolverine WFU	8/29/05	L	356	USFS	CO-RTF	Cahur Farnsworth	Type 4 Type 4

2005 Incident Action Summary



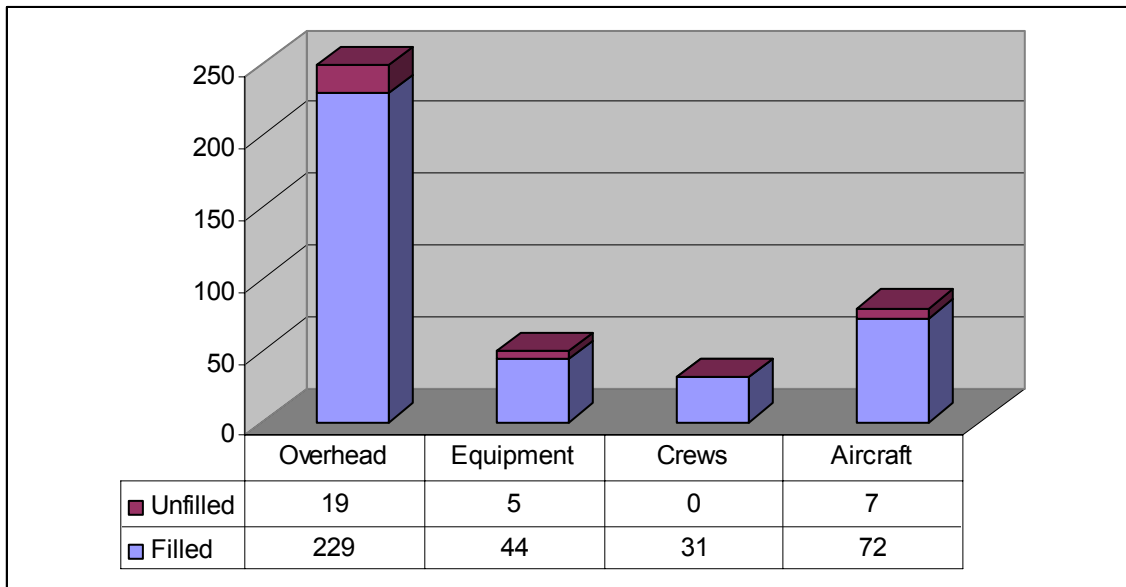
Pile burning

5 - Year Averages: Fires and Acres

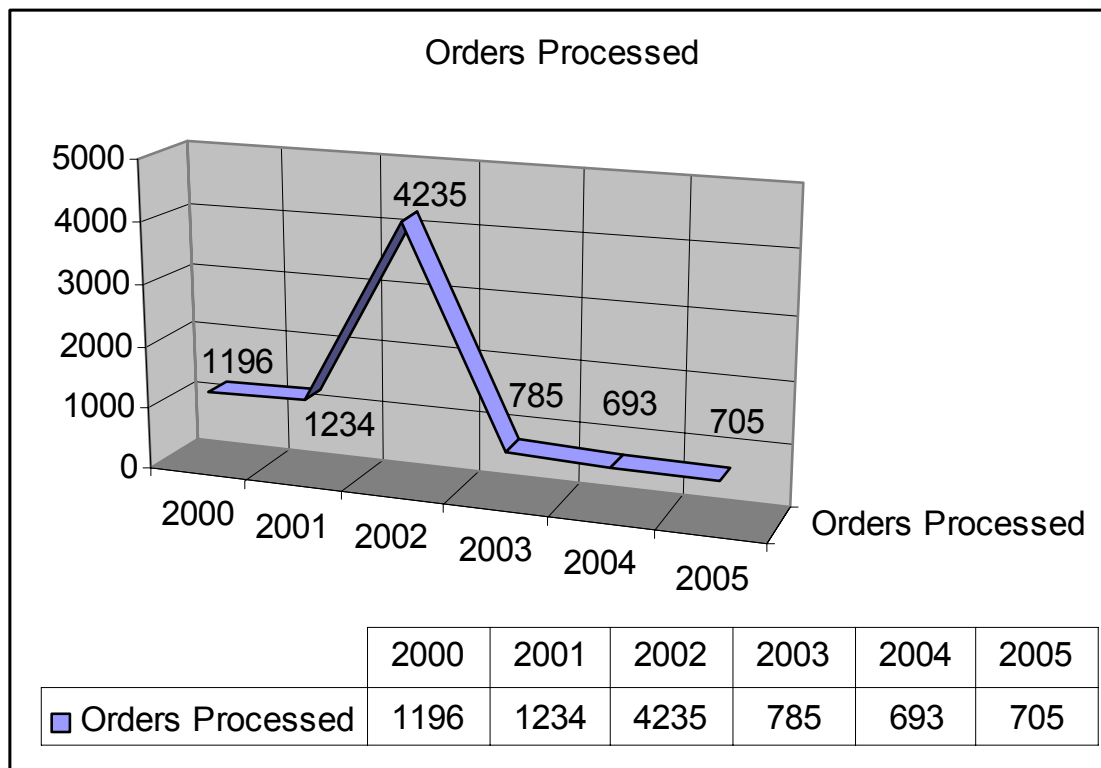


CRC Resource Order Statistics

2005 Resource Orders



Resource Order Requests Processed

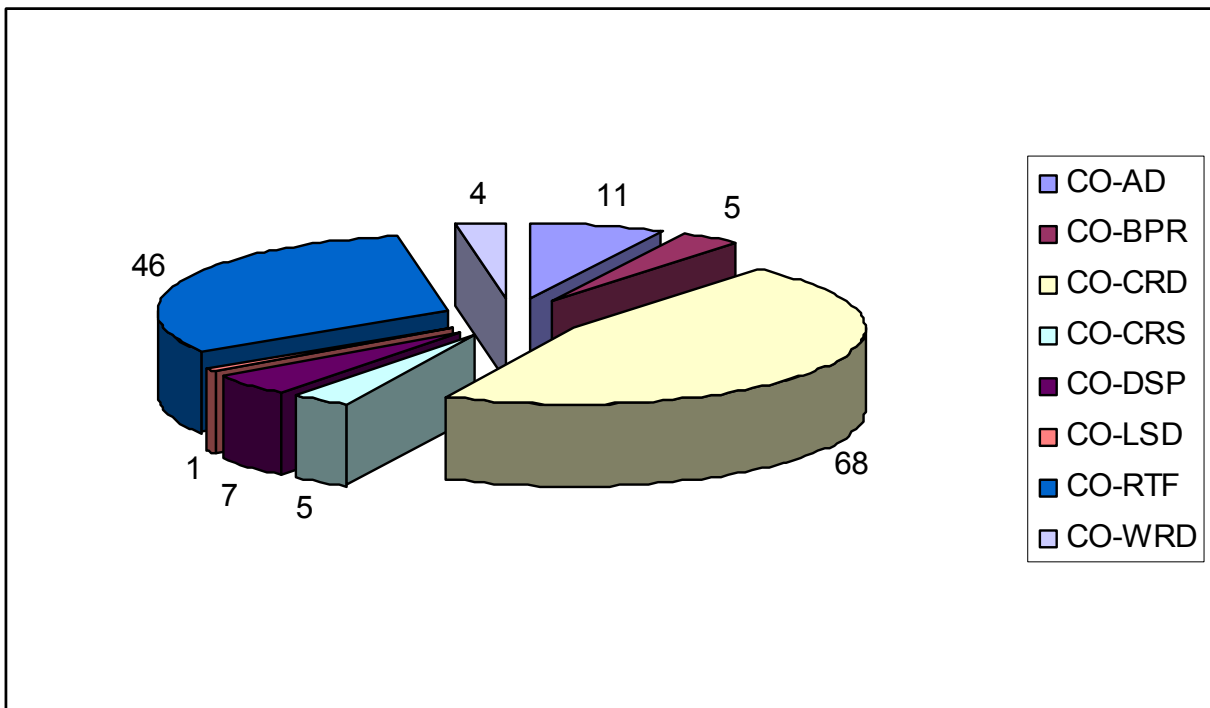


**2005 Resource Order Statistics Workload
By Unit
(including UTF's and CX)**

	WRD	LSD	KRD	RTF	DSP	BPR	CRC	Counties/ State	Totals
Overhead	103	20	15	98	11	8	273	14	542
Crews	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	5
Equipment	30	0	4	11	0	0	28	0	73
Aircraft	27	3	1	7	2	0	59	0	99
Totals	161	24	20	119	13	8	360	14	705

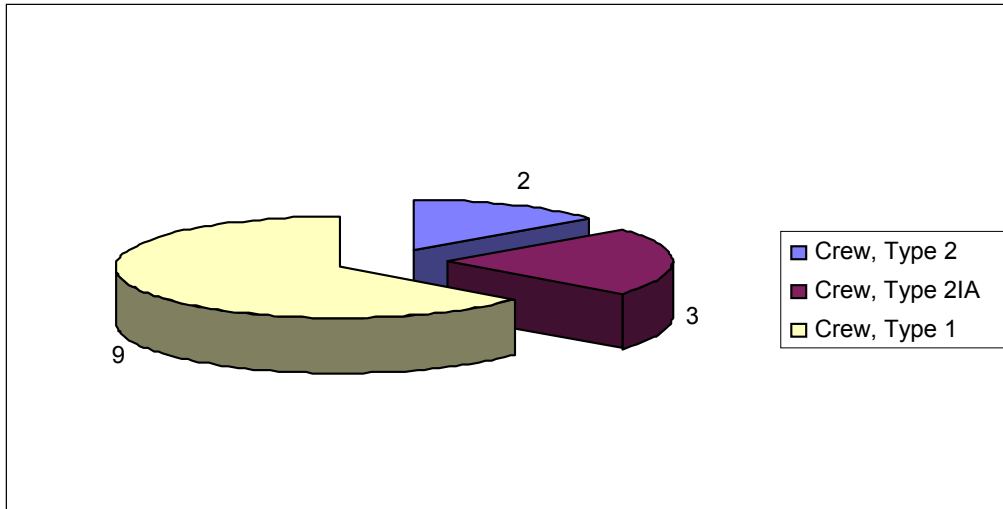
Overhead Summary

Local Agency Overhead Participation



Crew Summary

Crew Orders Filled



16 Crew Orders were processed

	Local	Regional	National	Totals
Type 1	0	6	3	9
Type 2	1	0	0	1
Type 2 IA	2	1	3	6
Fly	0	0	0	0
Camp	0	0	0	0
Totals	3	7	6	16



**Historical Crew Usage within CRC Zone
(Includes Local and Visiting Crews, Type 1 & 2)**

Year	Number of Crews	Number of Days
1995	10	40
1996	37	146
1997	1	5
1998	17	83
1999	23	Not Available
2000	71	228
2001	93	342
2002	135	1051
2003	30	85
2004	33	95
2005	4	6

Craig Interagency Hotshots

The Craig Interagency Hotshots spent 73 days on 24 fire assignments. There were fifteen out-of region, nine regional and no local assignments.

Yampa Valley Interagency Type 2 Crew

The Yampa Valley Interagency type 2 crew was on 16 assignments for 58 days worked. They were on ten national, five interregional and one local assignments.

Equipment Summary

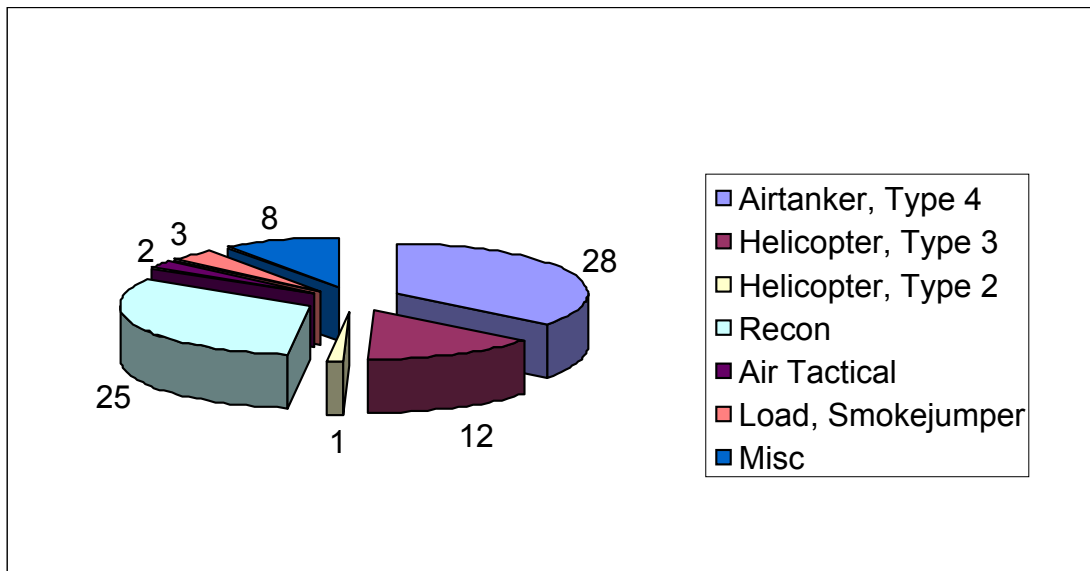
25 Engine Orders were Filled and 4 Water Tender Orders were Filled

Local Engines Sent Off District

Home Unit	Engine #	Ordered To	Days Assigned
CO-CRD	E-613	AZ-PHD	17
CO-DSP	E-681	SD-BKF	5
CO-GRLX	E-367	CO-SJD	5
CO-CRD	E-612	AZ-PHD	10
CO-RTF	E-617	TX-TXF	30 *Crew Rotated
CO-CRD	E-611	SD-BKF	5
CO-CRD	Tender 1	UT-DSP	2
CO-CRD	E-611	WY-RAD	4
CO-RTF	E-618	SD-BKF	8
CO-CRD	E-416	NV-LVD	10
CO-CRD	E-416	NV-ELD	6
CO-CRD	E-419	CO-GRD	3
CO-GRX	E-619	CO-GRD	3
CO-CRD	E-612	CO-GRD	3
CO-CRD	E-419	UT-DSP	2



2005 Aircraft Summary



Historical SEAT Usage

1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
4	5	5	19	50	55	37	28